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Summary of yellow-fever cases and deaths at Panama.

Assistant Surgeon Pierce reports for the chief sanitary officer as follows:

Total number of cases on the Isthmus of Panama from July 1, 1904, to February 4, 1905, 32; in Panama, 20; in Colon, 2; on board vessels leaving the Isthmus or in harbor, 10; total number of cases, 32; employees of Isthmian Canal Commission, 7; not employees of Isthmian Canal Commission, 25; deaths, 9.

Yellow-fever situation in Panama.

The following is received from Minister Barrett, under date of February 2:

Up to the date of this letter there have been 31 cases of yellow fever, originating on this Isthmus, since July 1, 1904, of which 9, or nearly 30 per cent, have resulted fatally.

These, however, must be divided as follows: In Panama proper there have been 19 cases and 5 deaths; in Colon, 2 cases and 1 death; on the *Boston* and in ships en route to foreign ports, 10 cases and 3 deaths.

That the fever has increased rapidly during the last few months is shown by the fact that there have been recorded 18 cases and 6 deaths since January 1, 1905, while 25 cases and 7 deaths have occurred since December 1, 1904.

As an illustration of how quickly and fatally the disease works, I would refer to 2 cases of prominence that here attracted great attention. Doctor K., of the U. S. S. *Boston*, was taken ill on January 24 and died January 28. Colonel P. G. E., a well known civil engineer, of Portland, Oreg., who arrived in Panama two weeks ago in the best health on a visit to his son, manager of the International Banking Corporation, was stricken suddenly with yellow fever January 28 and died February 1, after only three days' illness.

I am obliged to state in conclusion that, although personally I view the situation without fear, there is imminent danger not only of the extended spread of yellow fever, but of a serious panic and rush for home among the several hundred American canal employees now resident on the Isthmus, unless the disease is soon stamped out or effectually checked. For these reasons I hope the Commission will spare no expense and effort to clean and fumigate thoroughly and maintain clean and fumigated this entire city, which now is undoubtedly dirty and full of infected mosquitoes.

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Report from Callao—Plague—Callao free of plague, but sanitary work to be continued.

Assistant Surgeon Lloyd reports, January 28, as follows:

The following data relative to the existence of plague in Peru are reported to me under date of January 26. I am indebted to the director de salubridad, Lima, for the information. Remaining under treatment January 26, 1905: Lima, 3 cases; Lambeyque, 9 cases; Guadalupe, 18 cases; Villa de Eten, 10 cases; Huanchaco, 19 cases; total, 59 cases.